October 1976

The MESSENGER

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

ST. STEPHEN'S — Millrow

Price: 4p

ST. STEPHEN'S DIARY

OCTOBER

Fri.	1st	Youth Club - 7 p.m. and every Friday
Sun.	3rd	HARVEST THANKSGIVING 11 am. & 6 pm. (Promotion Sunday in Junior Church)
Mon.	4th	Pilots - 6.30 p.m. and every Monday
Tues.	5th	Ladies Guild - 7.30 p.m. -Mr.Armitage
Weds.	6th	Young Mums' - 2 pm. & every Wednesday
		Whist Drive - 7.30 pm. & every Wednesda
Sun.	10th	Mrs. M. Nash - 11 a.m. - during this service the children will take part in a "Bible comes alive" demonstration .
		Mrs.M. Jeffrey - 6 p.m.
Mon.	11th to	BIBLE EXHIBITION - open daily from
Fri.	15th	3 - 4.30 p.m. and 7.30 - 9 p.m.
Weds.	13th	Elders' Meeting - 7.30 pm. -Pennine Room
Sun.	17th	Rev.A. Nash - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Morning Family Communion
Mon.	18th	Men's Fellowship - 8 p.m.
Thurs.	21st	District Ladies Autumn Rally - 7.30 pm. at Union Street U.R.C.-Speaker: Rev. J. Yates of Bamford.
Sat.	23rd	Christian Rendezvous - 7.30 pm at Ogden Baptist Church.
Sun.	24th	Mrs. E. Riley from Audenshaw - 11 a.m.
		Rev. A. Nash - 6 p.m.
Tues.	26th	White Elephant Auction - 7.30 pm.
Weds.	27th	Church Meeting - 7.30 pm.
Sun.	31st	Rev.A. Nash - 11 am. & 6 pm.
Tues.	NOV. 2nd	Ladies Guild - 7.30 pm. - Mrs.Maud Na
Sun.	" 7th	Rev.A. Nash - 11 am. & 6 pm.

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NB. Will holders of Missionary Boxes please bring these in on Sunday October 17th. Many thanks.

LITTLEBOROUGH DIARY

October

Sun. 3	Mr.J. Lord - 10.30 am.
Weds. 6	Pilots - 6.45 pm. and every Wednesday
Sun. 10	Rev.A. Nash - 10-30 am. & 6 pm. Evening Communion & Fellowship Hour
Tues.12	Coffee Evening & Bring & Buy - 7.30pm (Proceeds in aid of Tea Room)
Fri. 15	Jumble Sale - 7 pm.
15/17th	Pilot Camp
Sun. 17	Mrs. Maud Nash - 10.30 am.
Mon. 18	Junior Church Staff Meeting -7.30 pm.
Tues.19	Ladies Guild - First Aid Demonstration by Mrs. B. Sharples - 7.30 pm.
Sat. 23	Coffee Afternoon & Bring & Buy --- 40 Ealees Rd. from 2 - 5 p.m. (Proceeds in aid of Cake Stall)
Sun. 24	Rev.A. Nash - 10.30 am. Family Communion
Thurs.28	Men's Fellowship - Mr.J.Lord - 7.30 pm.
Sat. 30	Church Social - 7.15 pm.
Sun. 31	Mrs.E. Gillon - 10-30 am.
Sun. Nov. 7	Mr.J. Lord - 10-30 am.

Organist/Pianist

Oct. 3	Mrs.M. Hill
" 10	Miss L. Merrick - a.m.
	Mrs.M. Hill - p.m.
" 17	Mrs.E. Cockcroft
" 24	Miss L. Merrick
" 31	Mrs.E. Cockcroft

FAMILY READINGS.

Oct. 3	Mark Grindrod	- Romans 8.14-21
" 10	Mrs.M.G.Hill	- Acts 5. 27-32
" 17	Mrs.K.Hill	- Acts 10.1-8
" 24	Mrs.A.Stott	- Acts 13.1-4
" 31	Mr.R.Mullen	- Acts 16.6-12
Nov. 7	Mrs.J. Law	- Colossians 1.1-12.

From --
THE MANSE

October, 1976.

My dear friends,

As you may already have been made aware, there is to be a "Bible Fortnight" held in Rochdale and District from 9th - 23rd October. In connection with this a large number of activities and displays have been arranged. One of these will be in the Rochdale Library and there will be special bookstalls at Asda, Kwik-Save, Boots and other large stores, together with projects in various schools in the area.

At Milnrow it is planned to hold an exhibition in St. Stephen's. This is to be from Monday 11th - Friday 15th October and will be open daily from 3 - 4.30 and 7.30 - 9 p.m. On Monday evening the film "To Russia with love" will be shown . All will be welcome.

The Exhibition has been arranged jointly with Moorhouse Methodist, Newhey Methodist, Ogden Baptist and St. Stephen's U.R.C and in conjunction with the Rochdale Auxiliary of the British & Foreign Bible Society. At Littleborough there will be an exhibition in the Parish Church from 31st October - 6th November.

Some folk may say "Why is it necessary to have a Bible Exhibition at all. After all there can be very few homes that don't possess a copy". Well, the main reason for the "Bible Fortnight" is to help people to realize that the Bible is a living Book that has something relevant and challenging to say regarding ourselves as individuals and life as it is lived today and to encourage people to read it.

It is true that some folk have difficulty in understanding what the Bible is speaking about and so there will be many versions available in modern English with the express purpose of helping over this particular difficulty.

Will you remember the "Bible Fortnight", visit some part of it, tell your friends and pray that it may be an effective means of witness.

May God bless you all.

Your sincere friend.,

ALFRED WASH

Thought for the month:

"Thy word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light on my path".

Psalm 119 verse 105.

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FAMILY BIBLE READINGS.

Oct. 3.	Harvest Thanksgiving	
" 10.	Miss J. Hemmings	-Acts 5.27-32
" 17.	Mrs. E, Garside	-Acts 10.1-8
" 24.	Mr. I. Royle	-Acts 13.1-4
" 31.	Mrs. M. Holden	-Acts 16. 6-12
Nov. 7.	John Lynch	-Colossians 1. 1-12

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It's always very busy folk
Who, with a cheery smile,
Find time somehow, and have the grace
To go the second mile.

May we offer a word of thanks to the members of the Care Committee, to the Hospital Visitors and Welfare Secretaries for their continued ministrations and concern.

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Our Birthday children this month are:-

At Milnrow -- John Rawstron; Steven Grayson; Eirlys Bates; Graham Ogden; Mark Baines and Dawn Parkinson.

At Littleborough -- Wendy Spinks; John Vincent; Debbie Fleming; and Tracey Greenwood.

Happy Birthday -- God bless.

JOIN THE TEEN-SCENE

On Friday 1st October and every Friday afterwards we are going to have a Youth Club.
Are you going to come?

Age 12 + Time 7 - 9 p.m.

Snooker, darts, table tennis, records, people and whatever you make of it.

Come to the first few weeks to be sure of a ticket for the HALLOWEEN DISCO on 29th October.

Bring your friends.
Further information from: Neil Bruckshaw, Jennifer Hemmings, Kathleen Read, Ian Royle.

WHEN R101 FLEW OVER HUNSLET

Mrs. E. Starkie's account of her childhood in Leeds had the Ladies Guild in tucks for most of the time and near to tears for the rest. There were tales of an airship seen through an attic window, of the pawned Whitsuntide clothes, of scholarships that could not be taken up, of seamstress sisters and of parsons who prayed (successfully) for the pub to be demolished. It wasn't long ago was it?

Mrs. Starkie is one of nature's raconteurs and a joy to listen to. Why don't you make a record for posterity, Eveline? It could top the charts.

Attractions at Ladies Guild this month ---
Oct. 5th - Return visit of Mr. Armitage with some interesting slides - and chat!
Oct. 26th - White Elephant Auction. - 7.30 pm.

A BRIEF NOTICE ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS DANCE ----

which will be held on Saturday, 4th December..
Band .. Games .. Refreshments .. Fun .. Prizes.
Put it in your diary now.

A RECORD SERVICE

Children who had been baptized at St. Stephen's were remembered at a Special Cradle Roll Service held on the afternoon of Sunday 19th September. Parents were invited to bring their younger children and a good number came along. Names of children under 3 years of age were read out by the Cradle Roll Visitors, Mrs. A. Rothwell and Mrs. M. Nash. The Service was conducted by our Minister who spoke of the need to give children an education that included teaching about God so that they can grow up to know something about the life of faith for themselves. Reference was also made to the great function of the Church in caring about children .... "The children of this Church", he said, " are cherished, cared about, thought about, prayed for, catered for, helped and encouraged in every possible way".

Parents were introduced to the Creche ladies, Mrs. Edna Smith and Mrs. Hilda Buckley and to Mrs. Connie Clough of the Beginners Department Staff, and Mrs. F. Rae one of those who looks after the children during "Young Mums" Meetings.

The organist was Mrs. E. Starkie and after the service photographs of parents and children were taken on the steps of the Church.

FALL - IN FELLOWS

Every third Monday in the month dads and fellows generally are invited to attend the Men's Fellowship. Why not come along on 18th October at 8 pm. bringing your ideas with you.

..... AND HAVING WRIT, MOVES ON"

Ian Royle, the Editor of this "Messenger" has decided that after seven years in this capacity he really ought to make way for someone else. The post will be vacant in January and volunteers are called for.

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW

The theme of the 1977 PRAYER FELLOWSHIP HAND-BOOK is "Praying with Jesus" and it has been written by Rev. John Young of Argyle U.R.C, the Moderator Elect of the National Assembly for next year.

If you would like to order a copy (Price 20p) see either Mrs.A. Prestwich at Milnrow or Mr.F. Simpson at Littleborough for they are the Prayer Fellowship Secretaries.

While you are considering your subscriptions for next year, what about "REFORM"? Mr.A.Busill at Milnrow or Mr. F. Simpson at Littleborough will be glad to take your orders for this U.R.C. Magazine.

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"THE UNCOMMON MARKET"

We are looking for all kinds of goods for this event, so can you help us with,

home made toys
sweets
good used books
mystery parcels
groceries
kitchen equipment
toilet requisites

..... in fact anything that can be turned into cash but does not give our Uncommon Market the appearance of a jumble sale.

We also require
plenty of hands (h&s, h&s, h&s, h&s, h&s etc.)
and plenty of cash (£,£,£,£,£,£,£, etc.)
Book the date - NOVEMBER 13th at 3 pm. and watch the notice boards.

9th - 23rd October

is

BIBLE FORTNIGHT
throughout the Rochdale District

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MILNROW'S CONTRIBUTION

at ST. STEPHEN'S -- Exhibition daily
from 3-4.30pm. and 7.30-9 pm.
+ Monday 11th October - a special showing
of the film "TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE"
+ Tuesday 12th - "FINEST GOLD"
+ Thursday 14th - "CALLING MISSION CONTROL"

Everyone must be made welcome. Come and
do some welcoming.

LITTLEBOROUGH CONTRIBUTION

++ In the Parish Church - an Exhibition
31st October - 6th November.

"CHRISTIAN RENDEZVOUS"

an ecumenical effort

at

OGDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

on

Saturday, 23rd October - 7.30 pm.

Led by the Hungarian Gospel Singers

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Please give this event your support.

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GLAD TO HAVE YOU ABOARD

At the opening meeting of the Pilot Session on September 13th, seven new members were welcomed. They were ---

Gillian Armitage, Joanne Freeman, Jill Hobbs, Peter Law , Lesley Mullen, Andrew Murray and John Vincent.

We trust that these young people will have a very happy time in Pilots and will all live up to the Pilots Promise: "I will learn, pray and serve all I can in the world wide church of Jesus Christ".

A MATTER OF TIME

Although our New Year begins in January the Jews celebrate their New Year in September and so, for that matter do the Schools. It is perhaps for that reason that the Junior Church New Year comes on the first Sunday in October when some Primary children will move into Juniors and some Juniors will become Seniors. We wish all concerned well in their new classes and wryly hope that the teachers find their new pupils as challenging as their predecessors.

At this time we would like to express our thanks to Mrs. K. Hill who, after many years service has resigned as a teacher. We welcome Mrs. Jackie Hey on to our teaching staff in replacement.

PENNIES DROPPING: POUNDS ABOUND

Mrs. Kathleen Mills is pleased to report that the Decoration Fund Jar contains £9.32. Thanks to all contributors and if you have spare coppers you know where the jar is kept.

The Ladies of the Drapery Stall would like to thank everyone who came to their Coffee Evening and Bring & Buy Sale held on 24th August which proved to be such a happy evening. Proceeds amounted to almost £10.

Littleborough News.

WHY CAMP?

Pilots from all over the North West will meet at Barnston Dale Camp on the Wirral from after tea on Friday October 15th until after tea on Sunday October 27th.

Hilary Vincent reports:-

"Sometimes we are asked, "What goes on at Camp? What do they do? and we describe the indoor and outdoor activities - games, walks, competitions, badge work, worship and fun that sleeping in a large dormitory inevitably brings (and lack of sleep). But we tend to forget the most important thing - that at camp we are a group of Christians trying to live together a Christian life - a life of love for God, Christ and one another. Where too many rules are not necessary because we live caring for and considering one another.

This is the only opportunity young people get now to live any length of time ina Christian environment. The majority of their school friends will not be committed Christians, nor indeed, will the staff at school. In many cases camp provides a unique opportunity to try to live a Christian life in a Christian environment. We should thank God for this.

We would ask you to pray for our camp this October and for those who attend that it may provide some experience of Christian living and love".

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PENS for 10p. DIARIES for 25p.
- - - - - - Diestamped with the monogram, "Littleborough United Reformed Church" are now available.

Whenever you feel much depressed,
Don't sit alone and sigh;
Cheer, if you can, some troubled soul -
It may be hard, but TRY.

MEDLEY

The Ladies Guild had a musical session at the meeting held in September and various members brought along their favourite records.

Among these were (as they say "Down you way")
Elgar's "Enigma Variations"
Dvorak's 9th Symphony
Pat Boone singing "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere"
Barbra Streisand singing "Jenny Rebecca"
Ardgay-Bonar Pipe Band playing "Amazing Grace"
to say nothing of
"I don't know how to love Him" from "Jesus Christ Superstar" - "Lily of Laguna" - "You made me love you" -"You must have been a beautiful baby".

- - - All in all, it was quite a mosaic of music. The evening ended with us all on our feet singing to a recording of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus".

To bring us down to earth for a bump on October 19th we shall be given a First Aid Demonstration by Mrs. Brenda Sharples of St. Stephen's.
Come and bring your friends.

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HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY, 30th OCTOBER at 7.15 pm.

Children's Fancy Dress (Halloween Theme)

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Beetle Drive

Suppers at reasonable prices

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Surprise Items

ADULTS 10p.
CHILDREN 5p.
Free parking space for Broom sticks.

YOU CANNOT HAVE TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING .....

To raise funds for the Tea Room

A UNIQUE, UNIQUE, UNIQUE

COFFEE EVENING
and
BRING AND BUY SALE

On Tuesday, 12th October; 7.30 pm.
Admission 10p.

AND

To raise funds for the Cake Stall

ANOTHER UNIQUE, UNIQUE, UNIQUE

COFFEE AFTERNOON
and
BRING AND BUY SALE

On Saturday, 23rd October;
From 2 - 5 p.m. at

40, Ealees Road, Littleborough

Admission 10p.

GOLDEN

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Kershaw of 15, Henderville Street, Littleborough who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 2nd October ..... also our congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. W. Mills of Featherstall Road, Littleborough, who celebrate their RUBY Wedding on 31st October. We ask God's blessing on these couples -- may they spend many many more happy years together.

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CHURCH DUTIES - LITTLEBOROUGH

DOOR STEWARDS

Oct. 3	Mr.D. Harrison	Mr.H. Hill
" 10	Mrs.A. Stott	Mrs.E. Dunwell
" 17	Mrs.E. Crossley	Mrs. Cryer
" 24	Mr.J.Hill	Mrs. Marvelley
" 31	Mr.F. Beattie	Mr.E. Holt
Nov. 7	Mr.R. Mullen	Mr.T. Fielden

COMMUNION - Elders.

Oct. 10	P.M.	- Mr.F. Beattie	Mr.F.Simpson
" 24	A.M.	- Mr. J. Nairn	Mr.J. Lord

FLOWERS FOR COMMUNION TABLE

Oct. 3	Mrs.P. Lightfoot
" 10	Mrs.A. Stott; Mrs. Cryer
" 17	Mrs. Tattersall
" 24	Mrs. Mallinson
" 31	Mrs. Clayton
Nov. 7	Mr. Worthington

COFFEE ROTA

Oct. 3	Mrs.L.Butterworth	Mrs.A. Merrick
" 10	Mrs.J. Hey	Mrs.L. Stanton
" 17	Mrs.B. McCormack	Mrs.S. Moss
" 24	Mrs. J. Law	Miss W. Law
" 31	Mrs.P. Mullen	Mrs. I. Simpson
Nov. 7	Mrs.A. Reynolds	Mrs.P.Lightfoot

Collections for August

Aug. 1st	£12.62
" 8th	24.88
" 15th	11.43
" 22nd	18.04
" 29th	16.66

CHURCH DUTIES - MILNROW

Family Church Door Stewards

Oct. 3	Mr.G. Buckley	Mr. A. Rae
" 10	Mrs. J. Calow - Ian, Alan, Graham	
" 17	Mrs. F.Butterworth	Mr.H.Mellor
" 24	Mrs.J. Duffy	Mrs.A. Baines
" 31	Mrs.B. Clarence	Mrs. P. Royle
Nov. 7	Mrs. M. Holden	Kenneth Holden

ELDERS ROTA

	Evening Door Stewards	Duty Elder	Evening Organist
Oct. 3	Mr.A.Sharples	Mr.B.Clough	Mr.A. Clegg
" 10	Mr.D.Munday	Mr. H. Whitehead	Mrs. C. Hey
" 17	Mr.A.Busill	Mr. J. Wild	Mrs.E. Starkie
" 24	Mr.H.Whitehead	Mr.A. Busill	Mrs.Bradbury
" 31	Mr.J. Wild	Mr.D.Munday	Mrs. C. Hey
Nov. 7	Mrs.M. Howarth	Mr.A. Sharples	Mr.D.Logan

FAMILY CHURCH COFFEE ROTA.

Oct. 3	Mrs.J. Calow	Mrs.E. Garside
" 10	Mrs.J.Munday	Mrs.M. Ogden
" 17	Mrs.E. Smith	Mrs.H. Buckley
" 24	Mrs.E.Busill	Miss I. Tither
" 31	Mrs.N.Whitehead	Mrs.P. Greenhalgh
Nov.7	Mrs.J. Duffy	Mrs.F. Butterworth

COMMUNION - Elders

Oct.17	a.m.	Mr.B. Clough	Mr.D.Munday
		Mr. H. Whitehead	Mr.A. Sharples
Nov. 7	p.m.	Mrs.M.Howarth	Mr.A.Busill

If unable to fulfil your duties please find a suitable substitute. Thank you!

Flower Rota.

Oct. 3	Harvest Thanksgiving	
" 10	Mrs.M.Lee	Mrs.B.Beattie
" 17	Mrs.M.Fallon	Mrs.E.Scholes
" 24	Mrs. Brown	
" 31	Miss A. Memory	

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